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NEED IS STRESSED FOR MAXIMUM FOOD PRODUCTION

Conference Opposes Taxation of Co-operatives

U.N.O. CONFERENCE UNITED ON GRAVE ISSUE FOR WORLD

Complete Sympathy With Britain's
Appeal to Relieve World
Situation, Says Delegate

RETURNS FROM EUROPE

Every Pound Food Means Life
Saved—Heavy Crop Would
Have Assured Market

By M. McDUGALL
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Feb. 27th.—There never has been a time certainly in many decades when the need of a maximum in food production has been so urgent as now. Drought in so many areas, combined with the havoc and dislocation of war, has drained the granaries and other food stocks of the world.

When Secretary of State Paul Martin spoke to newsmen in Ottawa the other day on the U.N.O. Conference in London, which he attended as one of Canada's representatives, he said that whatever differences of opinion on political questions arose in the Assembly, there was complete sympathy among all nations with Britain's appeal for the greatest possible effort to relieve the food situation. The plight of India through the vagaries of the monsoon and tidal waves is particularly acute.

Million a Day for Britain

At the present time about a million bushels of wheat—some in the shape of flour—have been leaving Canada for Britain every day. Every bushel or barrel is being loaded that there is cargo space to take. The limit is being sent by the Vancouver route. More could probably be sent by the Eastern route if more railway cars were available, but there is the difficulty of getting cars, many of which have to be used for the shipping of lumber, fuel and other essential freight. Some relief may be expected with the opening of navigation on the Great Lakes, when boats will be able to bring shipping of grain to the limit.

Should there be a good crop of grain in the coming season, however big it may be, there will be markets for all of it. That is as certain, in the opinion of authorities, as anything relating to markets can ever be.

There is at the same time no blinking the possibility that there may be further crop damage through drought in the coming season in this continent. It may be more widespread in this country than in the past two or three years. The dust storms in the winter wheat areas of the mid-western states naturally arouse some concern about our spring wheat.

P.F.R.A. Results Will Help

In this connection it is being pointed out that if the worst should come and drought be fairly severe, the full effects will be alleviated to some extent by the 30,000 dugouts con-

Will King Return?



In the recent Belgian elections, the pro-Royalist Christian Democratic party won the largest number of seats, but not a clear majority. They stand for the return of King Leopold (above) and his wife, the Princess de Rethy. There are those who contend that the King could not return with dignity unless there was an overwhelming vote recalling him, and that he should gracefully abdicate in favor of his son.

structed under the PFRA, the larger irrigation projects, tree planting, the removal of 1-1/2 million acres of marginal land from cultivation, and

Purchasing Co-ops. Acting Together on International Scale

Consumer Bodies of Canada and
U.S. Co-ordinate Their
Activities Now

(Co-op. League News Service)

CHICAGO.—A co-ordinated organization of consumer purchasing co-operatives in the U.S. and Canada will be set up, it was decided at a special joint meeting of the boards of three associations here recently. These were the Co-operative League of the U.S.A., the Co-operative Finance Association of America, and National Co-operatives, Inc., which comprises 20 regional co-operatives in the U.S. and Canada, serving 3,900 local co-operatives with 4,000 retail outlets and 1,200,000 family patron-members. The latter organization was asked to set up a committee to make plans for consolidation under one board and executive of branches or subsidiaries for education and promotion, business operations and finance.

the turning of this land into pastures.

The recent steel strike in the United States has had an effect on the farm machinery situation. New machinery which the farmers need, and which has been in tight supply in any case, will become still tighter and engineers of the Department of Agriculture are urging farmers to repair their machines and order spare parts for them without delay. They should, it is stated, check over the situation with dealers and see what can be delivered.

Get Anti-Warble Fly Supplies

Another suggestion being made by the Department is that it is now time to begin to get supplies of the anti-warble fly preparations which should be applied first next month. There are several kinds of commercial waxes which work satisfactorily, it is stated,

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CO-OP. GATHERING IN EDMONTON IS MARKED SUCCESS

Attended by 225 Officers, Mem-
bers, Employees of Co-ops
and Interested Visitors

STUDY VARIED PROBLEMS

Express View on Report Royal
Commission on Co-operatives
and Taxation

EDMONTON, Alta.—Covering a range of subjects as wide and varied as the types of co-operative activities which on a steadily increasing scale are being carried on in this Province, the University Short Course and Co-operative Conference devoted major attention during Thursday and Friday afternoons sessions last week to the Report of the Royal Commission on Taxation and Co-operatives. At the conclusion of these proceedings, during which the report came under fire from many angles, a resolution was adopted, asking a special committee which had been previously named, to set forth in a written statement the general trend of this discussion. (The committee consists of Messrs. Browlance, Plumer, Stanley, Church, Smeaton and Love, with one to be added for the Credit Unions.) Following this decision a motion was adopted that the Conference "go on record as entirely opposed to the taxation of co-operatives".

Most Successful Gathering

Attended by some 225 persons—officers, members and employees of co-operatives and interested visitors—the Conference, judged by the quality of the lectures and addresses, by the keen interest showing by those attending, and the general tones of the debates, was in the opinion of many

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Old and New in Transport Seen Together at Whitehorse



Contrast of plane and stern-wheeler as modes of transportation may be seen in this picture taken at Whitehorse in the Yukon, which is being promoted

as a tourist resort now that the wartime boom is over. Closing of Canol and sharply reduced military expenditures are being offset by renewed

dredging operations for gold and by peacetime air operations. It is anticipated that many tourists from the U.S. will go north this summer.



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "More Milk from Every Cow."



Get That Milk Thief !!

By O. G. BRATVOLD, District Agriculturist

Now is the time to be preparing for your warble fly campaign. Grubs that hatched from eggs the heel fly laid on your cattle's heels last summer will soon be appearing in their backs.

The losses from warble flies are no longer imaginary. A few years ago we had no factual data on these losses. Although a few observant cattle men knew that damage was being done, how, or how much was not entirely clear. We now have a wealth of actual dollars and cents information to corroborate previous observations. The warble fly cost the cattlemen of Canada some ten million dollars in 1944. To Alberta cattlemen, the loss was approximately \$1,500,000. Your share was probably

around \$5 per head if your cattle had warbles in their backs.

These losses are incurred in several different ways:

1. Pastures

June is the best grass month of the year. Most weight should normally be put on in this month. However, June is the greatest month for gadding due to overlapping of the flight periods of the two fly species which attack the cattle. A farm rancher in a district in Southern Alberta has been observing and experimenting with warble-

Nomination and Election of Delegates

By H. F. PRICE

For the past ten years it has been the privilege and one of the duties of the writer, as Secretary of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, at this particular time of the year, to consolidate into a form which has become commonly known through the many years since the Dairy Pool's inception, as the Nomination Paper, and consists of all the members' names covering the eight Districts of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool.

These listings of members' names are then forwarded to each member in his or her respective district and sub-district, in order that a member can be chosen to represent that sub-district as delegate.

Term Now Two Years

By a Constitutional amendment changing your by-laws, duly passed at the Annual Meeting held in Red Deer in June, 1945, there is a change in the length of term of office in

which a delegate serves. Commencing this year a delegate will hold office for a term of two years, and the delegates in the odd numbered Districts are placed into office in the even numbered years, and next year vice-versa. The Districts and sub-districts to receive nomination papers very shortly are 1, 3, 5 and 7; hence in 1947 the districts will be 2, 4, 6 and 8.

If I may make one or two observations regarding the present method of electing delegates as decided by your entire delegate bodies in general discussions at past Annual Meetings, and finally approved by your Board of Directors, we would say quite honestly and conclusively that the method is possibly as fair and democratic as it is possible to handle such elections.

Full Representation Important

All members have an equal right in choosing the member whom they think would best serve their interests and welfare in each of their respective sub-districts. Each member is eligible to hold this office; however, under present constitution rights and according to the size of the sub-district, whether fortunate or otherwise, a sub-district is judged whether it is allowed one or more delegates to represent itself as a part of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool. Some sub-districts in the past whether through loss of interest on the part of the members in that sub-district, or otherwise, have not nominated any member to represent them. Quite frankly this does not speak well for such a sub-district, and personally speaking what we sincerely wish to see is one hundred percent equal representation from all sub-districts in each and every year.

There is no doubt whatever that there is a great strength in numbers, and within the next week or so your office in Red Deer will be mailing approximately 5,000 nomination forms to the members in Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 and we would say in closing that it would be most encouraging to see a full slate of nomination papers returned not later than March 31st. Interest stimulates and nourishes good will and prosperity in any organization and your Central Alberta Dairy Pool is no exception to this general rule.

LAST CALL FOR GRASS SEED

There is no crop on the farm that is more practical than a field of good forage grain. Our organization for several years has been distributing forage grass seeds as a convenience and service to our members. The Provincial Government has asked us to do it again for 1946.

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2. Feed Lots

Grubs working through tissues cause discomfort and unthriftiness. Consider the similarity of a boil and a warble. The inflammation and pus formations are much the same in the two cases. Imagine the discomfort you get through a boil. Multiply this by 25 or even 100 or more and you get an idea of the effect on an animal's thrift when heavily infested with warble grubs.

3. Trimming

Warble fly larvae lie embedded in loin and rib steaks, the best part of the carcass, for up to two months. Inflammation causes slimy material and decomposition of surrounding tissues. Imagine the condition of this part of the animal when from five to fifty pockets are present in each side.

4. Grading

When carcasses are heavily trimmed they are de-graded according to their lower saleability.

5. Milk Losses

Losses in this manner are usually greater than generally realized. Injury to udders, particularly to heavy producers, caused by gadding is surprisingly prevalent. Also the discomfort caused by the larvae progressing through the tissues cause a lowered thrift and definitely reduce milk flow in winter months.

6. Leather

Farmers are not paid for the hides of cattle marketed on the hoof. The chief reason for this is the fact that approximately 61 per cent of all Alberta cattle hides removed during 1942 were classed as "grubby", the majority being of surprisingly little value in the production of any of the higher class leather products.

Control Costs

Let us say conservatively that it costs \$5 to harbor the heel fly in each animal. It costs approximately 5c per head per treatment to eradicate the pest by hand treatment methods.

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It should be remembered here that while individual treatment is good, community treatment is much better and the results are more permanent. The adult fly lives only a few days. When she lays her eggs, her job is done and she dies. In the few days she is on the wing, she will not likely travel more than a few hundred yards unless in pursuit of a host for her eggs.

Your treated animal will not be bothered much from untreated cattle across the fence. However, if you can get your neighbors to treat, the job will be much more effective.

NOTE ON CONTROL METHOD
By THE FIELDMAN

The treatment for small herds which can be handled individually is as follows:

Obtain a supply of Derris Powder from the drug store and follow directions that are enclosed in the package in making the solution.

Take a clean curry comb and draw it down each side of the animal's back from neck to rump with sufficient pressure to remove the scabs.

With the scabs removed the warble fly larvae are now exposed. Take a sponge or cloth and saturate each sore with the solution. Three treatments one month apart will give you 100 per cent control.

Between Friends...

By THE FIELDMAN

In the present issue and to be found on our main page are two articles of outstanding interest which should be read carefully by each of our patrons. The election of a delegate by the members of your own district, provides you with an effective voice in the conduct of your business and we are looking for a full slate of nominees.

The article "Stop that Milk Thief" by Mr. Bratvold, is as important as it is timely and we urge our friends to take action NOW to eliminate this menace which is costing cattlemen and dairy farmers millions of dollars every year, to say nothing of the serious loss in production at a time when every can of cream and milk is so badly needed.

You have no doubt read reports of the Dairy Convention just concluded. There were several outstanding speakers whose addresses were published in the press and we hope you were able to read them over and perhaps find a solution to some of your problems.

Young Folk Interested

One of the most pleasing features of the Convention was the presence of so many of our young folk who were intensely interested in everything which went on.

If these young people take their enthusiasm back to the farm and apply it in the right direction, it will benefit not only the dairy industry, but the whole field of agriculture.

There is a common belief that a convention is an excuse for good fellows to get together and make whoopee and whilst some conventions would tend to confirm this, we were very much impressed by the very serious intent of the majority of those present at the Dairy Convention.

That these are stirring and serious days for the dairy industry was generally conceded and the people present were there with the definite purpose of learning the solution to their problems and for the formulation of policies which will benefit all branches of the industry.

Problem of Mastitis

Perhaps the meeting which carried the greatest interest and the largest attendance was the one which dealt with the mastitis problem which is the certain measure of its seriousness.

We were more interested in this meeting perhaps than any other, because in my work, in the field, I come face to face with this condition in dairy cattle every day and realise its seriousness, both from the manufacturers' and the producers' end of the business.

Drs. J. B. Linneboe and R. Walton of the Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Division, both spoke on the subject, but the general impression was that their information and experience in the treating of this disease was inconclusive. It was stated, however, that a very extensive study was being conducted by American scientists and it was thought that some definite treatment could be recommended in the near future.

Strangely enough there came to my desk only today, an account of the conclusions reached and treatment recommended by these American Scientists and we will write a full report for our next issue.

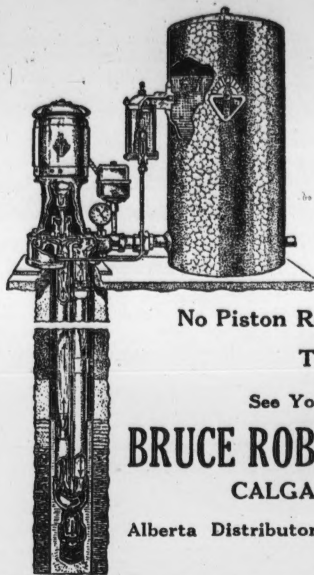
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CO-OPERATIVE CONFERENCE

The Co-operative Movement in Alberta owes much to the Short Courses and Co-operative Conferences which in recent winters have been held for several days at the University in Edmonton, under the auspices of the Department of Extension and the Provincial Committee on Co-operative Education.

Our own observation, during the period of two days which we spent at the Conference last week, would tend to confirm the view expressed by many others, that this was in important respects the best that has been held. The curriculum was concerned in part with such essential technical matters as co-operative bookkeeping problems, and we learn that those who attended the classes found them of very great value. They contribute to the advance of efficiency in the daily activities of co-operative undertakings. A much wider field is covered in the major lectures and addresses.

We heard many of the addresses on economic and social aspects of the co-operative movement, and on the problems which face the farming industry nationally and internationally. The speakers possessed exceptional qualifications by reason of experience, ability and high responsibility. Those who heard the addresses and took part in or heard the discussions, testify that their own ability to assist in shaping policies for the future (and all may make some contribution in either a private or administrative or executive capacity) was enhanced by their experience during the days they spent at the Conference. The report which we commence in this issue will be continued in the next, dealing with a number of features of outstanding interest.

A most important discussion took place on the Report of the Royal Commission on Taxation and Co-operatives. It was urged by resolution that the trend of this discussion should be given expression in a statement by a committee named by the Conference. Those present also expressed themselves emphatically as being "entirely opposed to the taxation of co-operatives".

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BRITAIN'S SHINING EXAMPLE

Official statistics released by the United Kingdom Information Service show that one of the chief reasons for the sudden food crisis in Britain has been the generosity of the British people, through their Government, in shipping emergency supplies of food and other necessities to Europeans in far greater straits than the British people themselves.

Up to August 31st, 1945, food and other supplies shipped by Britain to aid the people of Europe totalled 1,800,000 tons, one-third of the total being wheat and flour. Other items were biscuits, beans, peas, canned meat and extracts, canned milk and milk powder, sugar, chocolate, fats, soups, coffee, salt, rations for air delivery and special-deficiency packs for starving people in Holland.

Among still other items were 56,000 tons of medical supplies and soap, 104,000 tons of clothing, textiles and leather, and great quantities of used clothing. Raw materials were provided from Britain's spare stocks to help liberated countries to get their industrial life started.

Meanwhile, of course, the British people have themselves been suffering hardships which for the vast majority of the people of North America would be in these days unimaginable.

APATHY

How narrowly our vision is confined.

*Few eyes there are that rise towards the height,
Around whose base our myriad pathways wind,
The peak obscured and no clear goal in sight.
We thread the maze of wreckage wars have strewn,
And trim pale lamps of hope with careless hands,
As, seeking baubles we may call our own,
We build frail bridges over shifting sands.
The joyful uplands, where man might contrive
A better world, lie empty in the sun.
There all the mighty freedoms well might thrive,
The fruit of triumphs through long ages won,
But shorter, ever shorter, grows the time,
And weaker grows the will to start the climb.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

To ship 660,000 tons of coal to the freezing people of Belgium, Holland and Greece, the British people have themselves gone cold; while more than half a million tons have been shipped to Norway and Denmark since VE-Day.

Britain has not tried to drive hard trading bargains with the peoples she has assisted. She has shipped her own supplies at great sacrifice because the needs of the liberated peoples have been greater even than her own.

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NO POLITICAL CENSORSHIP

The announced decision of Hon. A. J. Hooke, Provincial Secretary for Alberta, to create a political censorship of moving pictures in this Province, is in dangerous and intolerable conflict with the British tradition of freedom—which is Canada's tradition.

What citizens in Britain would not submit to should not be forced upon Albertans.

No such proposal has ever been made before in Canada, by any Government, so far as we are aware. We trust that it will be dropped by Mr. Hooke.

The issue is not an issue of party politics but of elementary principle. No Government, no Legislature, of whatever party, has the right to arrogate to itself, or grant to its employees, such dictatorial powers as the Minister has threatened to confer upon his Board of Censors.

On this occasion we find ourselves in agreement with the *Calgary Albertan*, which asks: "Are 51 men sitting in the Provincial Legislature going to determine that the remainder of the 800,000-odd people in the Province are not sufficiently intelligent to recognize propaganda for themselves and decide whether to believe it? Not if we can help it." We hope most of the 51 will decline any such role.

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SOBER PRESS COMMENT

If Canadians were not a stable sort of people, the press speculation and rumors which followed Prime Minister King's announcement about a week ago, concerning leakages of "secret and confidential information to unauthorized persons, including some members of the staff of a foreign mission in Ottawa" might have caused a wave of hysteria to sweep across the Dominion. Fortunately, we are in general not easily carried off our feet. Most of us will be content to await developments.

In the meantime, happily, there are to be found some newspapers which in their editorial columns have made a sober and balanced presentation of the matters at issue. The *Edmonton Journal*, for in-

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The United Nations Society in Canada

Canadians May Play Their Part in Effort to Maintain World Peace and Security

By HON. RUSSELL T. KELLEY

Editor's Note.—Hon. Russell T. Kelley toured the Dominion late last year in behalf of the League of Nations Society in Canada. It is due in large measure to his effective work as speaker and organizer that the Society has already become a powerful educational force, and is steadily growing in strength.

Mr. Kelley is founder and President of the national advertising agency that bears his name. A member of the Legislature of Ontario, he recently joined the Cabinet as Minister for Public Health. We are sure that the article below which he has written especially for The Western Farm Leader will be much appreciated by our readers, and that they will join with us in congratulating him on his new appointment and in wishing him success in the most important administrative work he has undertaken in Ontario.

THOUSANDS of Canada's finest young men have sacrificed their lives, thousands more have returned home blind, wounded and ill. Theirs was a big job, but they did it well—they finished the war. But until the Allied Nations' objective of "World Peace" is attained, OUR job is not completed.

During World War Two, one in every forty of the population was wounded or met premature death. Every peace-loving Canadian . . . and what Canadian does not love peace? . . . must surely realize that humanity might not be able to stand such a struggle again.

Canada Has Definite Part

"The War Is Over," we all shouted, and great was the rejoicing here in Canada. Yet we should not feel able to rejoice whole-heartedly until World Peace is assured. There is much important work to be done toward this end, and Canada has a very definite part in that work.

Fifty different countries joined together with the purpose of ending wars for all times—that's the United Nations. But at times there appear to be fifty separate ways they want to accomplish the task. In order to work together harmoniously, there must be an ever-present spirit of tolerance and understanding.

Now this is where the United Nations Society in Canada enters the picture. Membership in the Organization is composed of men and women whose one desire is to develop among

Canadians a determination to have and hold World Peace. Its object is to keep our people constantly informed on Peace and World Security problems as they arise, not only in Canada, but in all the fifty member nations and the rest of the world.

Panels of Speakers

How do we propose to carry on this work? Through the regular monthly issue of the *United Nations News* and other pertinent literature. Branches have been organized in many of the Dominion's principal cities, and they will provide a panel of speakers whose services will be constantly available for church meetings, service clubs and women's organizations—they will go wherever and whenever we can find a group of interested people.

Untold millions have been spent on the war by Canada. Now we must invest—not spend but *invest*—a reasonable sum on World Peace and World Security. If we do not see the need for this investment, it is not unlikely that we—or our children—will become embroiled in further wars.

Youth is one of Canada's greatest assets. Little did we think in 1918 that our little boys and little girls of that day would be at war in twenty years. Today we would like to feel that it is impossible for our present generation of children to become engaged in war. Now is the time to ensure against it.

Pledged Purpose of Society

It is true that our churches and service clubs have World Peace as a very definite part of their programs, but they also devote their time to many other objectives. The United Nations Society in Canada is the only organization with World Peace and World Security as its sole end and aim: It is the pledged purpose of this Society to keep our little boys and girls free from war for all time. We all agree this is a worthy purpose, one deserving of our earnest support. That is why the United Nations Society looks confidently for the conscientious help of all peace-loving Canadians. (If you would like a speaker, write Hugh John MacDonald, Secretary Calgary branch, 55 Canada Life Building, Calgary. M. Grant, Secretary Edmonton Branch, 10807-124th St., Edmonton, may help you, though Edmonton panel is not yet drawn up.

—Editor.)

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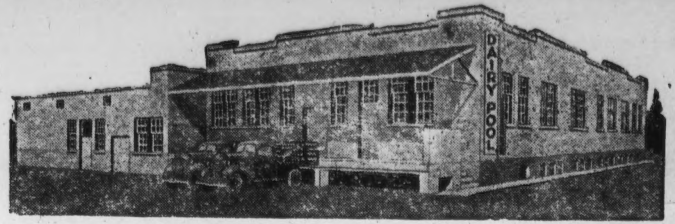
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SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



Does Rural Alberta Need Libraries?

By **ALEXANDER CALHOUN, M.A.**,

(Member Library Survey Committee and lately Librarian, Calgary Public Library)

NOTE: The more widely knowledge is extended, the greater will be the support given by our people to the co-operative movement. Ignorance is perhaps our greatest enemy. The provision of better library facilities is one urgently needed means of extending knowledge. Mr. Calhoun's fine article is therefore especially welcome at this time. I hope it may prove an important factor in the development of a definite library policy for rural Alberta. In behalf of all our members, thank you, Mr. Calhoun.

Wm Burns

PRESIDENT.

WHEN reading the otherwise splendid "Programme for Agriculture" in the last number of *The Western Farm Leader* I was rather surprised to see no reference at all to the provision of library services.

Libraries Not Mentioned

In this 12-point Programme, section 7 is entitled "Enlarged Educational Opportunities for Rural Youth", and section 10 is entitled "Province-wide Progress in Social, Cultural and Athletic Activity", but libraries are not even mentioned.

Do co-operatives need libraries? Do rural communities need libraries? If they need educational facilities, they need libraries. Education is hamstrung without libraries, and yet rural Alberta is almost devoid of good libraries.

It is true that the University Extension Library does provide a book and pamphlet service by mail, from its Open Shelf Collection, but excellent as this service is, it barely scratches the surface. Books must be available where needed.

Under Section 10 (a) of the Programme I read, "Building of Good community halls adequate for public assembly in comfort, and fitted with facilities for social life and entertainment."

Here is where libraries can come in. Such a building can house a library, and it should be so planned. It can be used for public meetings, for dramatic performances. It should have a stage properly planned and lighted, with dressing-rooms. It should have a projection room for the showing of films. It can be used for social entertainment, and its walls can provide shelves for books. Plans for such a building should be available soon.

Library Survey Committee

Recently the Provincial Government appointed the Alberta Library Association as a survey Committee to prepare a report on library facilities, and to make recommendations on the extension of library facilities in the Province, and especially in rural areas. That report is now in the hands of the Government, and we librarians are confidently expecting legislation at this session which will make possible, in the course of time, a co-ordinated scheme of library service, which will place good books within the reach of every man, woman and child in the Province.

The Large School Divisions

The large School Divisions are gradually building up libraries to serve all their schools. Some of these are good and some not so good. Their first aim is, naturally, to provide books required by the school courses.

Books which boys and girls will love to read for the joy of reading, books of literary value, are being slowly added. All in all, these School Division school libraries are the most considerable contribution to rural library service we have, and should plan an important role in any larger scheme.

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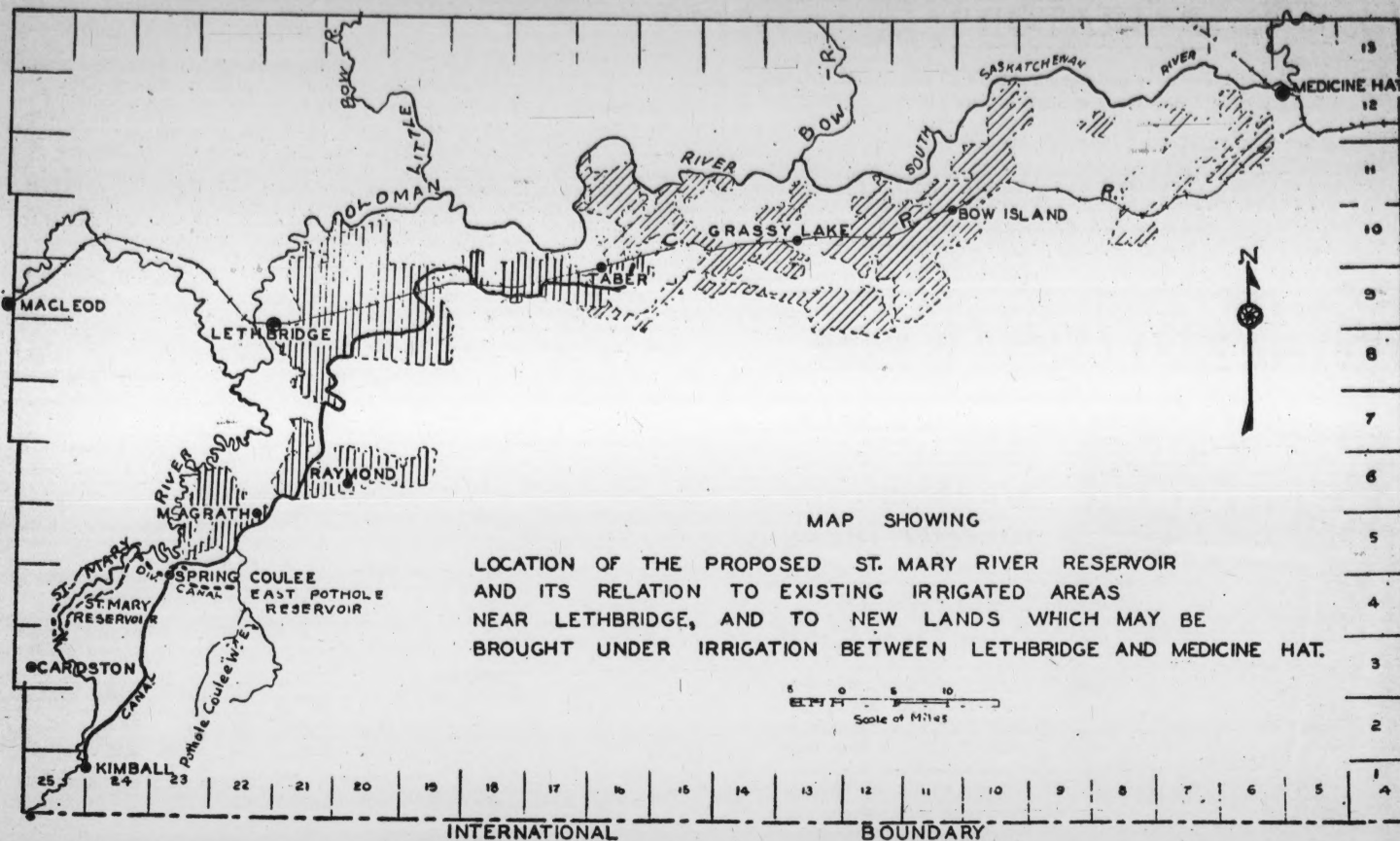
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Will Start Work on Extensive St. Mary River Project in Spring



By THE EDITOR

ENGINEERING enterprises designed to bring increased water supply to farmers in large areas in Alberta and Saskatchewan are planned by the Dominion Government for the next few years as part of the program of Prairie Farm Rehabilitation of the Department of Agriculture.

When completed the projects will bring under cultivation rich land which has lacked only the assurance of adequate moisture to yield abundantly every year—as it does today in every season when rainfall comes in sufficient volume and at the right time. Water for livestock, too, will be assured, and in many districts provision will be mainly for this purpose, or for combined irrigation and stock watering.

Farmers of the East Central part of this Province organized some time ago for the purpose of pressing for early action; and they are hopeful that the strong case they have presented will move the authorities to get the necessary public works under construction at an early date.

Of one project it may be said with confidence that development will begin almost at once. It is the St. Mary River development in Southern Alberta. All through the areas that will

be affected there is keen expectancy. Our information is that with the opening of spring the work will get under way and that it will be carried on steadily throughout the summer and fall.

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It will probably take two years to build the dam and complete the project which will involve the construction of the proposed St. Mary River Dam on the river of that name a few miles north-east of the town of Cardston. This dam will create a lake approximately fifteen miles in length with a maximum width of six miles and a total storage capacity of about 300,000 acre-feet. The dam will be one-half mile in length and 185 feet in height. The ultimate cost is estimated at about \$4,000,000. The large map which we print above contains all the essential features of the undertaking.

We believe that the description of the development which we present below will be of interest not only to those of our readers who may be directly affected, but to all farm people, and not only those of Southern Alberta, but also those resident in other parts of the Province.

International Waters

The St. Mary River rises in the United States, in the Glacier National Park on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. It flows in a north-easterly direction into Canada and joins the Milk River near Lethbridge. The Milk River rises in approximately the same locality, and also flows in a north-easterly direction into Canada, but a short distance north of the International Boundary it turns east and south-east back into the United States again.

Our good neighbors south of the Forty-ninth Parallel have developed irrigation extensively along the Milk River in Montana. So extensive has been this development, in fact, that extra waters were required for its years ago. This extra supply was obtained by American engineers from the St. Mary River by means of a canal which was excavated just south of the International Boundary.

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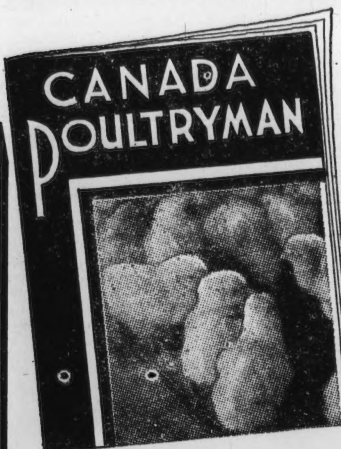
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S.A.D.P. SECTION (Continued from page 6) Regional Library Service

Many readers of this paper have seen a film called "A Library on Wheels". It describes the operation of the Fraser Valley Union Library, and shows the part the bookmobile plays in this co-operative rural library scheme.

Some such plan will need to be adapted to Alberta conditions, wherever it is feasible.

Co-operatives Need Libraries

Co-operatives need libraries education for citizenship needs libraries, democracy needs libraries. Librarians would like to see co-operatives put their weight and influence behind the

library movement in this Province.

Libraries Need Trained Personnel

The key to good library service is competent, trained librarians. Anybody just cannot manage a library. It is a job which requires knowledge, training and experience. Hitherto the supply of trained librarians has been limited. There is a good prospect that the University of Alberta will shortly provide a summer course for the training of school librarians and workers in public libraries. This will be only a beginning, but it is beginning at the right point.

Are Alberta People Library Minded?

The answer is yes and no. In 1939, outside of Calgary and Edmonton, there were expended on public library

POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Feb. 14th.—Half the world may face famine, Bevin warns UNO assembly; asks world-wide conservation rice and wheat.

Feb. 15th.—Canada to withdraw occupation forces from Germany, announces Mackenzie King.

Feb. 16th.—Disclosures have been made by Canadians of "secret and confidential information to unauthorized persons, including some members of the staff of a foreign mission in Ottawa" states Prime Minister King; royal commission appointed; arrests made. "Foreign power" unofficially identified as Russia.

Feb. 17th.—In UNO council, Russia vetoes U.S. proposal for negotiation of demand by Syria and Lebanon that French, British, troops be withdrawn from Levant. Bevin states Britain and France will carry out American plan.

Feb. 18th.—Results of Belgian election show royalist Catholic party winners of 92 out of 202 seats; Socialists have 70, Communists 23. Russia cancels \$24,000,000 Canadian orders; terms said too stiff. Russia in self-defence has "every moral right to seek atomic bomb knowledge through military espionage" if excluded from such knowledge by former allies declares Joa. E. Davies, former U.S. ambassador to Moscow.

Feb. 19th.—U.S. State Secretary Byrnes says atomic bomb secret remains exclusively with U.S.

Feb. 20th.—In response to Allied demands, Sweden takes steps to expel 8,000 German nationals. Moscow radiostates Canadians have given "some information of a confidential character" to Russian military attaché at Ottawa; says information not required by Moscow government "in view of higher technical achievements in the U.S.S.R."

Feb. 21st.—Seamen of Royal Indian Navy mutiny; riots break out in Bombay.

Feb. 22nd.—He could conceive of no reason for Britain and Russia to go to war, declares Bevin in House of Commons; refers to recent offer to extend 20-year treaty of friendship to 50 years; expresses willingness for Russia to join U.S. and Britain in international oil agreement. Bevin also recommends international control German industrial Ruhr. Strike committee decides Indian seamen to resume work.

Feb. 23rd.—Stalin tells Red Army it must guard Russia's borders. Riots break out again in Bombay. Yamashita hanged.

Feb. 24th.—Peiping students, leader Democratic League, demand Russians withdraw from Manchuria; Moscow charges Jap remnants make "bandit attacks" on Russian troops. Jewish resistance groups gain control Tel Aviv for six hours.

service less than four cents per capita. Good library service would require an expenditure of at least one dollar per capita.

People are thinking about the need of libraries, and quite a number are being established in towns and villages, but on a very unsound foundation. Rarely does such a community arrange for any tax support. Libraries should have tax support as much as schools or hospitals, and they should not be started unless they can count on such support. This is where public education is needed.

Members of co-operatives could render a most valuable assistance to the library movement in this Province by supporting such a programme.

To Distinguish Between Water Hemlock and Water Parsnip Very Important

Everyone should be able to distinguish between Water Hemlock, which is very poisonous, killing livestock from time to time, and Water Parsnip, which is harmless, declares the Line Elevators Farm Service, in a recent bulletin. One difference is in the roots: the Water Hemlock has several thick fleshy roots, just underground, each about the size and shape of a man's little finger; Water Parsnip has numerous fibrous roots, but no fleshy ones. There are also some differences in the leaves. Printed leaflets, with photographs, may be obtained from Line Elevator agents, it is advised. Water Hemlock in pastures should be pulled and burned, especially if feed is short and stock hungry.

Feb. 25th.—Election day in Argentina was quiet, says Buenos Aires report; will be 30 to 40 days before results known.

Feb. 26th.—France closes border with Fascist Spain; say present situation "danger for international security." Large uranium deposit found in Australia. Race riots reported in Tennessee.

Feb. 27th.—Paris crowds demand break with Spain. Chinese demonstrate against Russian troops in Manchuria.

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A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

Co-op. Short Course a Success.—The annual Co-operative Short Course was well attended. Representatives from all branches of the Co-operative movement, both producers and consumers were in attendance.

The first two days of the course were confined to separate sessions dealing with consumer and livestock problems, while during the remainder of the school general sessions were held and dealing with topics of broader interest.

Donald Cameron and his Department are to be congratulated on the instructive program presented and on the able manner with which it was conducted. On the other hand, the co-operatives who contribute to the funds of the Continuing Committee for Co-operative Education are to be commended for their support in helping to stage such a worth while event.

It is to be regretted that more of our farm people cannot leave their work to attend this short course. However, the committee members appreciate this situation and are making every

Useful Pamphlet Issued for Co-operators

"Financial Structure and Policies of Co-operatives" is the title of a new pamphlet issued by the American Institute of Co-operation, 460 Brexel Building, Independence Square, Philadelphia, U.S.A.; price, 25 cents per copy. The author, E. A. Stokdyk, was president of the Berkeley Bank for Co-operatives for nearly twelve years, and is a writer on agricultural and co-operative subjects. In this pamphlet he emphasizes the differences in financial structure and policy between co-operatives and ordinary profit corporations.

Norwegian co-operatives, destroyed during the Nazi occupation, are being rapidly restored.

effort to take similar courses out to the people during the summer months.

Has Your District Accommodation?

Last summer Community Life Conferences were held at Park Lake and Gooseberry Lake. If your district has the accommodation for holding such a conference and can give local co-operation it would be worth while for you to contact Mr. Cameron of the Department of Extension at the University, to see what plans can be arranged for next summer.

Special Livestock Committee.—The Alberta Federation of Agriculture sponsored a special livestock meeting at the Corona Hotel, Edmonton, on February 20th. This meeting was called in the interest of all farmers interested in a livestock and feed grain policy for Alberta. Those in attendance represented some 25 or 30 affiliate members of the Federation.

It was the opinion of the Directors attending the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture that this field of agriculture required special study and action from both a Provincial and a Dominion point of view. With this thought in mind, the A.F.A. have set up a special livestock committee made up of Hugh Allen, Director of Livestock, Roy Marler, Director of Dairying and the Secretary of the Federation.

The committee will seek the support and advice of Provincial Agricultural authorities and other Federation members in preparing their report. This report will be forwarded to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture for further consideration in the light of the Dominion aspect.

It is hoped that such action will help to give the Alberta farmer some guidance in planning his future livestock program.

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EDITORIAL

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stance, is one. (Writing early last week, that paper assumed that the leakages concern the atomic bomb, though what it stated would be equally relevant were radar or other secrets involved.)

The *Journal* declared that while "from every standpoint, this is a shocking business, nevertheless, some of the consternation expressed in official circles seems a little naive. If the boot had been on the other foot, if some other country had made the bomb first, British and American intelligence services would certainly have gone on just as intensive a quest for information. Russian agents were evidently the ones to get caught. We have no doubt, however, that spies from other nations—and particularly from that Spanish-Argentine-Nazi alliance recently exposed by the U.S. State Department—are equally busy. Indeed, the whole attempt to keep the subject of atomic energy a military secret was bound to fail from the start. . . . The whole

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Death of Robert Wilson

A staunch supporter of the U.F.A. and of the co-operative movement, Robert Wilson, of Vegreville, died in Edmonton on February 7th, after a long illness. Mr. Wilson was secretary over the North Saskatchewan, at Park Grove U.F.A. Local for many years. He took an active part in important activities of the farm organi-

zations of the Province, of which he was a fine citizen. His death will be widely mourned.

Named in honor of the explorer who was the first white man to reach the district, early in the eighteenth century, the "David Thompson" bridge over the North Saskatchewan, at Rocky Mountain House, was formally opened last week.

affair has demonstrated the necessity for bringing atomic energy under effective international control. This course has been urged by most of the men responsible for the harnessing of the new force, and it has been agreed to in principle at least, by the Governments of Britain, Canada and the United States. The week-end's revelations suggest that the time for action is drawing short."

Criticising the manner in which the matter has been handled in some circles, the *Journal* stated in part: "It is of course, quite possible, even probable, that the matter has been handled in this way with the deliberate intention of creating ill-will, for the enemies of peace with Russia are powerful in Ottawa, as in other capitals, and wield much influence."

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For the past day or two I have been mulling over in my mind what two women writers had to say.

The first was by Mrs. Strange in an article in the last issue of the *Country Guide*. I am sure a great many of you have read her "Weaving—a Girl's Hobby", for most interesting it is. Do you remember the opening paragraph? "A very great man," she says, once said, "Culture of all life—of the brain and of the soul—begins with culture of the finger tips. Teach your children to use their hands". And her father had advised her to see that her children had some useful hobby. Then she continues to comment that her youngest daughter had taken to weaving as her hobby. Mrs. Strange was particularly enthusiastic about this, as one, for it was a most beautiful and useful art and she was creating something.

Probably there are some mothers who read this article and who realized that they fell down in playing their part as Mothers. They had failed to follow this advice and on thinking it over realized how wise the injunction. They also realized it was too late to retrieve their mistake, but they hope other mothers will profit by the reading.

Phyllis Bentley's Two Note Books
Another piece that comes to my mind is from Phyllis Bentley in *John o' London's Weekly*. She was writing about Samuel Butler's comments regarding keeping a small note book to hand and making notes. Being a literary person, she has two. One contains quotations from the written word. The other consists of quotations from life.

She said when she reviewed her former one she was astounded at the range of writers she had quoted. There seemed to be all sorts of writers, and through many, many years she had recorded their, to her, arresting thoughts.

The other quotations from life were possibly bits of information or some beautiful reflections or some truths pithily expressed.

I cannot help but think what treasure houses we might be building for ourselves if we did the same. There might be moments when we could pick up one or the other and re-read some bit of philosophy that had been a comfort and given us much cause for reflection.

If, by the way, we kept these books over a sufficiently long time, it might be interesting to note how our viewpoint in regard to some of them had changed. Haven't you all picked up a book which at one time you felt most worth-while and now you find it absolutely "wishy-washy"? The book is the same. It is your viewpoint that has altered.

There might be bits of information you were glad you had kept or jokes at which you had laughed. Haven't you all heard some dry, witty comment of one of your friends and neighbors that was almost forgotten, but the re-reading brought the same old amusement? There might be what are in a sense local history notes which will otherwise be quite forgotten as the old-timers leave the stage.

In fact the suggestion sounds most interesting to me, and I think it would be well worth while to carry it out; that is, provided of course you could find a pencil when you wanted to make the note, and the book when you wanted to read it!

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Farmers Did Good War Job

During the war years 1941-45 inclusive Canada shipped to Britain 3,135,500,000 lbs. of bacon and hams, 72,500,000 lbs. boneless beef and 165,900,000 lbs. bone-in beef, with combined carcass weight of 262,000,000 lbs. Exports included 10,132,000 lbs. of mutton and lamb. To UNRRA and military and relief areas Canada exported an additional 113,000,000 lbs. of canned meats. Canada's meat exports in 1945 amounted to \$172,769,000.

Farm Home & Garden

Bacterial Blight of green beans has affected many gardens in recent years. Leaves of the infected plants develop large irregular spots, and then frequently drop; brown spots with irregular margins, resembling sun scald, also appear on the pods, and perhaps on the stems also. Control measures recommended by the Junior Pathologist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, are: use of disease-free seed; cultivation only when plants are dry; keeping the patch free from weeds, so that the plants will dry quickly after rain or dew; use of resistant variety, such as Robust, Yellow Eye, etc.

Care of Baby Chicks requires clean houses and yards, clean litter, good feed, careful management and common sense, says the Ottawa Department of Agriculture. Before the chicks arrive, brooder houses should be thoroughly scrubbed and disinfected; drafts must be eliminated, and roofs made weather-tight; corners must be rounded off to prevent crowding. Floors should be covered with clean, dry litter—clean sand, chopped straw, planer shavings, or clover heads and leaves. The brooder stove should be operated for several days before the chicks arrive, and a check made to see that controls are in working order and adjusted to maintain a temperature of 95 to 98 degrees, two inches above the floor at the edge of the hovel.

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The speaker, Dr. Lotta Hitchmanova, knew from hard experience of the miseries that make up existence for many Europeans in these times. Talking to her over the luncheon table, in Calgary the other day, it was hard to realize that this quiet-mannered young woman, well groomed and well dressed, had known so much of sorrow, want and danger.

Escaped From Prague

A young Czech journalist who had opposed Hitler and Hitlerism, it was necessary for her to escape from Prague immediately after Munich. With difficulty she reached Belgium,

and was in Brussels when the Nazi began their air attack on that city. Dr. Hitchmanova succeeded in making her way into the south of France, where she lived in hiding for months, suffering hardship and hunger, and in constant danger of betrayal by the French collaborationists. She lost her home and her parents (who had remained in Czechoslovakia) in the holocaust.

For Relief Organization

Later, Dr. Hitchmanova secured passage to the U.S., and she is now in charge of the Canadian branch of the Unitarian Service Committee, which does relief work, particularly among the French and Czechoslovaks. Addressing public meetings throughout the country, she is appealing for aid for the European millions still dressed in rags, for the displaced persons waiting in camps for repatriation, and especially for the many children who are in desperate need of clothes and medical supplies, food and care. Contributions may be sent in care of Rev. Alfred Stienotte, 1550 West Tenth Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

—A.T.S.

U.F.W.A. Local News

Roosevelt U.F.W.A. (Woolford) realized \$21 from a whist drive recently.

Griffin Creek U.F.W.A. are holding bi-weekly card parties during the winter.

Mrs. J. Ganski and Mrs. Hoskins were recent hostesses to the Hillside U.F.W.A. (Millet).

"Fire Precautions" was the roll call at a recent meeting of Notre Dame U.F.W.A. (North Edmonton) when arrangements were made for a whist drive and dance, and a quilting bee.

Stavely U.F.W.A. recently held a meeting, attended by 20 members and 2 visitors, to plan a joint meeting with the U.F.A., and to arrange a program of activity.

In appreciation of their year's work, Griesbach U.F.W.A. (Fort Saskatchewan) presented small gifts to their retiring officers, Mrs. Shackleton and Mrs. Frank Walker.

A very interesting letter from a member who is visiting in Phoenix, Arizona, was read at the last meeting of Namao U.F.W.A. These ladies sponsored a local showing of a play presented by the W.I. of Bon Accord.

Aid in maintaining a rest room in Beaverlodge is being given by Lower Beaverlodge U.F.W.A., writes Mrs. V. C. Flint. A note of thanks, and a gift, were sent to the former secretary, Mrs. Bradley, who has left the district.

Elmworth U.F.W.A. are arranging a short entertainment and dance. They are also buying material for aprons, etc., to be made up and sold. The members are writing verses, from which one will be chosen to open meetings.

A "lively and interesting meeting" was held recently by Cassils U.F.W.A., at the home of Mrs. Hughes. It was decided to help the local Students' Union raise money for playground equipment. Reports were given of the successful dance held in Brooks Hall.

Willow Springs U.F.W.A. are discussing the resolutions passed at the Annual Convention, a few at each meeting, reports Miss M. Rafn, secretary. In order to give all the members experience in presiding, a different chairman is appointed for each meeting.

BRITISH COUNCIL AWARDS

Thirty members of the Canadian armed forces, now demobilized, have been awarded scholarships by the "British Council" (a non-party organization which makes British cultural and other activities known abroad). The scholarships will provide for study in Britain for period of six months to a year.

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Junior News Items

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Turville Junior U.F.A. (Chigwell) held a special meeting recently to make arrangements for putting on a play. In the past few weeks they have held a weiner roast and skiing party, a

dance, and a theatre party, reports Alice Veivers.

Club work for farm boys and girls, and the activities of the national club organization, will be reviewed and future policy considered at a general meeting in Winnipeg next week, under the auspices of the Canadian Council on Boys' and Girls' Club Work.

The first thirty crates of hatching eggs was sent by air to Czechoslovakia, from the U.S., by UNRRA in February.

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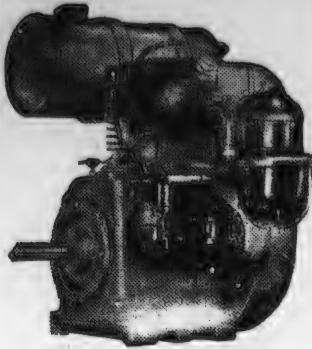
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The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

Seedtime is approaching in Western Canada and the matter giving most concern is the acreage to be seeded to wheat. The Dominion-Provincial Conference, held in Ottawa last December, recommended a wheat acreage of 23,414,100, the same as last year. However, the scarcity of wheat throughout the world, the urgent need of Europe and Asia for all kinds of food, and the decision of the United States Department of Agriculture to ask farmers in that country to increase spring wheat seedings by a million acres, leads to the belief on the part of a number of authorities that Canada should encourage a wheat acreage increase. British authorities are rather critical of the Dominion's attitude in recommending no increased acreage under wheat.

The Federal Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, sticks to the idea that wheat acreage should remain the same as last year. He says that to expand the acreage this year at the expense of summerfallow would mean lessened production in 1947.

Summerfallow Statistics

Land summerfallowed in the Prairie Provinces for the 1946 crop totalled 19,397,000 acres. During the 1935-39 period average acreage under summerfallow each year was 15.7 million, while the average for the 1940-44 period was 20.1 million acres, an increase of 28 per cent. The advantage of summerfallowing is that it conserves two years' moisture for one year's crop. Unless an unusually wet season is experienced, wheat seeded on stubble generally results in a comparatively low yield.

An increase in wheat acreage of from 10 to 15 per cent could readily be effected through a reduction of summerfallowing for 1947 and a reduction in the seeding of oats. Last year oats seedings covered 10,749,000 acres.

The season will open with fairly good crop prospects, due to better moisture conditions last fall. Snowfall during the winter over most of the Prairie Provinces has been heavy. However, as a general rule, little reliance is placed on snowfall, because the melted snow usually runs off before the ground is thawed out.

Both Canada and the United States are making extensive efforts to export as much wheat as possible and as quickly as possible.

Calgary Spring Sales

The Fifth Annual Spring Horse Sale will be held at the Exhibition Grounds, Calgary, March 5th, 6th and 7th. The Spring Bull Sale and Baby Beef and Fat Stock Show will be held March 18th to 22nd, inclusive.

The entries for the 46th Annual Calgary Spring Bull Sale are the largest in its long and successful history.

A further event of interest is the sale of a limited number of high-class females, and this year 36 Herefords, 22 Shorthorns and 21 Aberdeen-Angus have been listed.

An average of over \$439 was realized from the sale of the 44 head of the "Beverly" Holstein herd of the late A. J. Davidson, Edmonton.

Livestock Markets Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Feb. 26th.—Trading was brisk throughout last week, prices steady, receipts light. Practical top on steers was \$12; a few choice light heifers topped at \$11.25, medium to good kinds \$10.50 to \$11. Choice light cows brought \$9.50, down to \$8 for common. Bulls were firmer at \$7 to \$9. Stockers and feeders of suitable quality were in good demand; good steers \$9.50 to \$10.50, heifers \$7.50 to \$8.50, cows \$6 to \$7. Good to choice handyweight veal calves \$12.50 to \$13.50, heavy and common down to a low of \$7. Grade A hogs \$17.10, sows \$12 liveweight. Good lambs \$12 to \$12.50.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Feb. 26th. Hogs yesterday \$16.75, Grade A, yards and plants; sows \$12.50 liveweight. Good lambs \$12. Good to choice butcher steers \$11.50 to \$12.25, down to \$9; good to choice butcher heifers \$10.50 to \$11.50; good cows \$9 to \$9.50, common down to \$7.50. Cannors, cutters, \$5 to \$7. Good stocker feeder steers \$10 to \$10.50, common to medium \$8.50 to \$9.50.

GREAT EXPANSION SHOWN

One hundred million dollars increase in assets, the largest in any one year since the first policy was written seventy-five years ago, \$241,000,000 of new business, with over \$90,000,000 paid to policyholders during 1945, and an increase in policyholders' dividends, featured the statement of Sun Life of Canada at the 75th annual meeting in Montreal recently.

CO-OP. GATHERING

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the best that has yet been held. Great satisfaction was expressed at its close by Donald Cameron, M.Sc., Director of the Department of Extension, who with the able assistance of S. O. Hillerud and Frank Peers of the Department, and of the Continuing Committee, directed the course. The Conference was held from February 19th to 22nd, inclusive, in St. Stephen's College and (on the first day, for the store managers' section) in the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Building.

Some indication of the range of subjects dealt with may be gathered from titles of various lectures, such as: Bookkeeping for Co-operatives, Store Management; Post-war Problems of Consumer Co-operatives; Grading of Farm Products, National Policy on Hog Production, Freight Rates, Co-operative Trucking Services, the Co-operative Union of Canada, Co-operative Insurance, Wheat Quota Agreement; Agricultural Controls in Germany, Effective Methods of Field Service, Radio in Co-operative Education and Publicity.

On Thursday evening the large dining room at the MacDonald Hotel was filled for the occasion of the excellent banquet and entertainment, and a dispassionate and scientific examination by Dr. T. W. Grindley, Secretary of the Canadian Wheat Board, and guest speaker, of the subject of "Canadian Agriculture and World Markets." Mr. Cameron presided.

Discussion on the Report of the Royal Commission on the Taxation and Co-operatives was opened by Professor G. A. Elliott, head of the Department of Political Economy of the University of Alberta, who was a member of the Commission. Professor Elliott gave an outline of the terms of the report which was much appreciated. He was followed by J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., Vice-President of the United Grain Growers, who described very clearly in a brief analysis of the document, "What the Implementation of the Report Would Mean to the Future of the Co-operatives." Mr. Brownlee made it plain that the function assigned to him was essentially to examine the report itself objectively, and show what its effect would be if its recommendations should be embodied in legislation, in order that those concerned might take what course of action they considered desirable in the light of the information presented.

(To be continued)

Dairy Market

Butter stocks in Canada, at Feb. 1st, stood at 22,988,297 lbs.—a considerable drop from the total at Feb. 1st, 1945, of 30,625,729 pounds. Figures for production of butter in Alberta in January also present a discouraging picture: 1,507,655 pounds, as compared with 1,652,753 in the same month one year ago. Northern Alberta showed an increase of 2.4 per cent, Central Alberta a drop of 8.8 per cent (the figure for the Province as a whole) while for Southern Alberta the decrease was 26.6 per cent. Prices remain at the ceiling; locally, butterfat is 33 cents plus 10 cents subsidy, and first grade prints are 36.

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OTTAWA LETTER

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and this simple and inexpensive method of combatting an evil that causes damage of about 15 million dollars a year should not be neglected.

The demand for wheat from Canada, it is believed, will cause farmers to increase the acreage sown this spring. The Dominion Provincial conference suggested 23,414,000 acres to be sown, the same as last year, but with the demand this figure may be passed. The best agricultural authorities agree that to increase wheat acreage at the expense of summer fallow will be detrimental in the long run. Linked with the wheat problem is the feed grain situation, involving the maintenance of the livestock on Canadian farms and the supplying of meat and dairy products abroad.

Stark Fact Faces Farmers

The stark fact faces the farmers of Canada that, every additional pound of food shipped abroad may contribute to the saving of a life. Not even during the war, when U-boats sank allied ships carrying food, has the situation been so grave as in this aftermath of the war.

The Deputy Minister of Labor, A. MacNamara, has sent out circulars to well over 600,000 farmers, asking them to acquaint employment offices with their labor needs so that every effort can be made by the Government to have these needs supplied.

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Livestock Marketing Totals

Figures just compiled show that cattle marketings in 1945 had a total of 2,021,711 compared with 1,528,947 in 1944. The number of calves was 829,944 compared with 701,039, and of sheep and lambs 1,233,484 compared with 1,039,691. On the other hand the marketings of hogs declined sharply from 8,863,178 in 1944 to 5,861,501 in 1945.

The decline in hog marketings continues. From January 1st to February 16th the marketings this year have been 704,818, compared with 1,103,325 in the same period of 1945, a decrease of 36.1 per cent. In the West during these winter weeks the decline has been 43.6 per cent, from 770,050 to 434,683 while in Eastern Canada the decrease has been 18.8 per cent, from 332,675 to 270,135.

In the year 1944 the production in Alberta was 2,273,100, while in 1945 it had decreased to 1,593,000. The figures for the Province of Ontario in 1944 were 1,810,200 and in 1945 they stood at 1,714,300. On December 1, 1945, the hogs on Canadian farms numbered 5,853,000 compared with 7,647,000 on the same date in 1944.

It is stated that any improvement in the unfortunate hog situation in Canada is unlikely for some considerable time.

Each month about 10,000 people are dying of starvation or disease in Warsaw alone, it is reported.

ST. MARY RIVER PROJECT

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Canadians also began to use the water of the St. Mary for irrigation purposes. The question arose at that time: how much of the water should each country be permitted to take, in fairness to the other? Prolonged negotiations finally resulted in Canada being awarded 362,600 feet and the United States 248,700 feet annually.

While the United States has made full use of its share of the water as allocated above, and requires more, Canada has hitherto failed to use her full share. To protect this share, the Dominion Government is building the St. Mary River Dam to impound the water, so that it may be used in Southern Alberta. It should be noted that the proposed dam is large enough to impound nearly all of our share of the water.

Diversion Near Kimball

The water of the St. Mary River which we are now using in Canada is diverted from the river a few miles north of the International Boundary near Kimball, Alberta, which will be seen on the map. The water is then carried in natural coulees and in canals to the rich irrigable areas which extend from Raymond to Taber. It irrigates about 120,000 acres. One of the natural channels through which the water is carried is Pothole Coulee, south-west of Magrath (see map). The St. Mary Dam is also situated south and west of Magrath. The water from it will be carried a few miles and discharged into the same natural channels—Pothole Coulee. The dotted line on the map shows the route of the new canal. It is possible that all of the old canal from Kimball to the new canal may be abandoned.

When the new reservoir has been completed, the additional waters it will provide may be used to increase the water supplies on the existing irrigable areas (boardly indicated by vertical lines) from Raymond to Taber, where there have been shortages from time to time in the past.

May Extend Irrigated Area

The new supply of water may also be used to extend the irrigated area eastward from Taber towards Medicine Hat. It is estimated that there will be sufficient water for the present irrigable acreage and for an additional 94,000 acres of new land. This new land is adjacent to such centres as Grassy Lake, Burdett and Bow Island. It is indicated on the map by diagonal lines.

Pothole Coulee Development

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and west of Magrath. To impound additional water in the runoff season for use in seasons of low flow, an additional storage reservoir is being built on the east branch, through co-operation between the Alberta Government and the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration of the Dominion Government. Construction is already in progress. This reservoir is quite separate from the St. Mary reservoir. It is to provide extra storage for the general Southern Alberta development.

The vision of those experts who have given special study to the subject of irrigation in Southern Alberta has extended to such developments as the future control and use of the waters of the Milk, Waterton and Belly rivers, as well as those of the St. Mary. The extent to which this vision may be realized will depend upon a great number of factors which it is not possible briefly to enumerate. They cannot, therefore, be discussed here at this time. Interest in them is for the moment more or less academic, because present indications are that only the St. Mary Development will go forward in the near future.

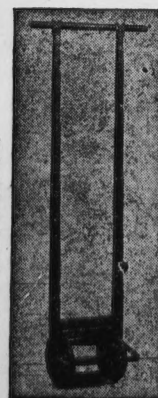
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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

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It's a little late, but let's hear what a lady friend has to say about that date of Cupid-ity, February 14. Here it is:

Arsenic and old lace, what?

Let no one consider the following—ah—poem a travesty on St. Valentine's Day sentiment. Here is a man who, seeing all too clearly the faults of his lady love, goes right on loving her anyway. The title at least is traditional:

TO MY VALENTINE

Your eyes are like the stars, dear,
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Your nose is like the rose that grows
Upon the pumpkin vine.

Here at your feet I'm pleading,
Give me your love I beg.
Your mouth would stop an 8-day
clock,
Your face would fry an egg.

—Anonymous (no doubt)

The above—ah—poem was clipped from a magazine published in 1903 and seems to give the lie to the present-day belief that in those good old days all men were gallant.

E. I. Nelson.

Dear Musty: I see by the papers that the new cars can be driven without hands or feet. But I believe, Syd, old top, this world won't be safe to live in until they are made so they can be driven without a head. Hoping you are the same.

—Volodimir Barabash.

Rodney says if man came down from the apes, some of them sure came down low.

B.M.

300 British War Birds in Halifax—headline in the Calgary Herald. Winging their way to their husbands, we suppose.

According to the Lethbridge Herald Alberta had another banner year in 1945. That, of course, explains why we can keep the flag flying.

BUT NOT FOREVER, WE HOPE

"Irish Girl Will Be Amber"—headline. Well, why not! Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt.

One of the troubles in Palestine, says Chuck of Chuckawalla, seems to be that the Arabs won't fold up their tents and silently steal away.

I notice, Sydney, postcards Knotty Frankie, that 500 Alberta schools are without teachers. That, doncherno, Musty, means a tremendous saving in apples.

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Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp: And who do you think is going to settle all the troubles of this cockeyed world?

Crusty Bill: Aw, U-N-O!

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Jack Sutherland, please note: Latest scientific note says bee stings may cure arthritis:

We used to swear and flap the air
When 'skitoes came to bite us,
But now we lie upon the lawn
And beg come on, you blighters!
Who knows what blessing in his sting
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If bees can cure arthritis.

—M. Kadwell.

We hope it's true, Jack, 'cause like you we've so often been stung!

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Radiogram from the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest declares that from coast to coast there is a demand for adequate old age pensions

and that the people won't wait forever for Parliament to carry out their wishes.

Writer in the *People's Weekly* calls the Canadian Senate a White Elephant. Meaning no doubt that he would like to see the Senators pack their trunks and go.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Well, out at the coast a gent named I. Walk has been fined for speeding.

In Washington, Elizabeth Bliss has married a Lieut. Divine, and that, for the moment, has left Wally, our incurable bach., speechless.

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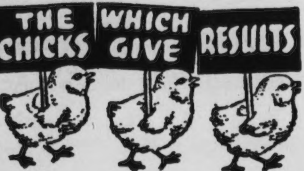
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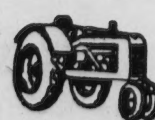
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THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD

FARMERS' BULLETIN

BUTTER RATION REDUCED TEMPORARILY

Hon. J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Finance, has announced that depleted stocks of butter, lower winter production and increased consumption have necessitated a cut in the butter ration during March and April from the present 6 ounces per person per week to 4 ounces per week. Instead of 3 coupons becoming valid every 4 weeks, there will be 1 coupon every 2 weeks. Coupons will become valid on March 7 and 21 and April 4 and 18. Quota users, except hospitals and such special users, must make their butter allocations for the first quarter last until April 30.

NO SUBSIDY ON IMPORTED PACKAGED BEES

The subsidy of 50 cents per pound, paid on imported package bees during 1944 and 1945, will not be paid on 1946 importations. Instead of this subsidy, which was to take care of increased production costs, there is to be an upward revision in the ceiling price for honey across Canada for the 1946 crop.

FARM SLAUGHTERING OF MEAT

Rationing in Canada is providing meat for export to Europe and Great Britain at the rate of approximately 150,000,000 additional pounds per year. In the three months following the re-imposition of meat rationing, domestic meat consumption was reduced by 3.4 pounds per person, or an equivalent of 8½ percent over the year. Farmers have been largely responsible for making this additional contribution possible, and they are asked for continued co-operation in observing the following regulations:

Meat ration coupons are to be collected by farmers from the ration books of members of farmers' households when meat slaughtered by themselves is consumed by themselves, as well as for meat they sell to neighbouring farmers and to licensed slaughterers. These coupons are to be sent to the local ration board by the 1st of each month.

One meat coupon must be turned in for every four pounds of meat consumed in the household but farmers need not turn in more than half the valid meat coupons in the household's ration books.

For the meat sold to neighbouring farmers, they must collect one ration coupon for each four pounds of meat sold, even if it means collecting coupons which have not yet been declared valid.

For meat sold to licensed slaughterers, they must not sell less than a quarter of beef or a side of pork, and they must collect a ration cheque or other ration documents for the full poundage of the meat, according to the wholesale meat coupon chart. Every licensed slaughterer has a chart in his possession.

MAPLE SYRUP SALES

There are no major changes in prices or in the method of rationing maple syrup and maple sugar this year. Maple butter has been removed from the ration and will be coupon free the same as maple wax (la tire) and maple cream. Maximum prices per Imperial gallon for sales of maple syrup direct to consumers, in screw top metal containers, f.o.b. nearest shipping point are:

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A farmer may use his own maple products on his own premises without surrendering coupons. He must collect coupons for all direct sales of rationed maple products off the farm, and forward coupons to his Local Ration Board.

MAIL ORDERS:—Loose coupons must not be accepted with mail orders. In exchange for two preserve coupons a special voucher, covering purchase of one gallon of maple syrup, can be obtained from the Local Ration Board. Producers must not ship syrup unless this voucher accompanies order.

Vouchers received by producers may not be transferred, exchanged, negotiated or deposited and should be forwarded to Local Ration Boards by 10th of each month in postage-free Farmer's Envelope, RB-61, together with coupons and other valid ration documents from sales of maple syrup and maple sugar.

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